

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge

W2601 State Road 33. La Crosse WI 54601

September 15, 2024—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

PASTOR

Fr. Biju C Kunjukutty, MSFS 715-495-2338 bchennala@diolclergy.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00	pm
Sunday	8:30	am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday Mass... 8:30 am Monday 5:30 pm Tuesday Adoration..... 5:00 pm Mass..... 5:30 pm Thursday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

- First Saturday after 8:30 am Mass
- 3:30—3:45 pm (before Saturday Mass) or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Barb Mikshowsky 608-788-1646 Wednesday Bulletin deadline: sjrp2601@gmail.com Office hours vary, call or email with

questions

Fr Biju also serves St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge

(608) 452-4680

Adoration:

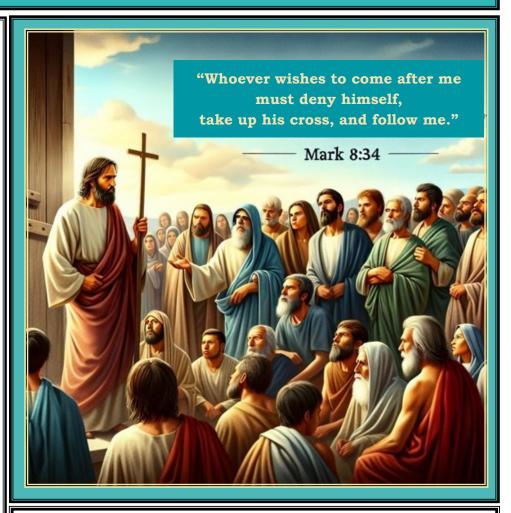
Wednesday 7:30-9:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday...... 8:00 pm Sunday..... 10:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday..... 8:00 am Friday 8:00 am



CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- ♦ Joining the Parish
- ♦ Weddings or Baptisms
- ♦ Anointing of the sick (also call Fr. Biju cell phone)
- If you are home-bound and would like to be visited

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Brown-Cemetery Rep Teresa Brown, Lori Clements -PCCW Rep Stan Clements Ann Degenhardt Terry Dickman-Finance Council Rep **Bob Kotek**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bill Weber-Secretary Stacy Burns-CRE

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Jo Hess-Secretary Terry Dickman Dave Brown-(Bldg & Grnds) and Cemetery Rep Barb Braun

'Thank you'

for your

time and

talent to

support our

parish.

Dan Steiger

Coordinator: Stacy Burns

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Lori Clements-President Mary Jo Hess-Treasurer Jill Murphy-Secretary Polly Hilby-Funeral Prep

Cemetery Sexton Building & Grounds

Dave Brown 608-792-1006 dbrown039@centurytel.net Rick Meyer

MUSIC

Stacy Burns, Coordinator 608-769-8828 jsburns0093@gmail.com

Accompanist

Leland Gregorich LuAnne Gregorich Mary Beth Smith

Sacristan:

Sally Miller

"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." John 12:26

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

~4:00 pm - † Madonna Bahr (Leis family)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

~8:30 am - **†** Jim Hesselberg (BH)

Lector: Donna Clements

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

~5:30 pm - **†** George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

~5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~5:30 pm - **†** Jim Malin (M&LM)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

~8:30 am - + Hegenbarth & Kammel Families(family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

~4:00 pm - Our Parish Family

Lector: Donnie Weber

Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

~8:30 am - **†** Leo & Shirley Servais (W&JG)

Lector: Sally Miller

~ Contributions for the past week ~			
Adult Envelopes(21):	\$ 1,266.00		
Plate collection:	\$ 222.00		
Total:	\$1,488.00		
	Counters! «		

Show that You Believe in Jesus!

James 2:14-18

THANKS FOR HELPING ME TIDY THE BED!

In today's second reading,
Saint James tells us that we can't just say that we have faith. We need to show it by what we do.

Being a follower of Jesus means believing in Him, and also doing what He wants us to do.

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- September 16 6:30 pm ~ PCCW meeting
- September 16 7:00 pm ~ Pastoral Council meeting
- September 17 7:00 pm ~ Finance Council meeting
- September 18 ~ Religious Education Classes begin
- November 8 ~ Family Fun Night!

~ STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH ~

* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday evenings 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Mass

- ~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~
- Read Spiritual Books
 Ask for Intercession
- Meditate Offer a Holy Hour Write a Prayer Journal
 - Read the Scriptures Pray Spontaneously
 - Ask the Saints for help

Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!

* Anointing of the Sick - Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month or contact Fr. Biju directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

* Confession

First Saturday of each month after 8:30 am Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm



before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.

* Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule mass intentions, please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or there are envelopes in the back of church or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions Fee change

In accordance with a decision of the Bishops of Wisconsin, starting on July 1st, Mass stipend fees are \$20

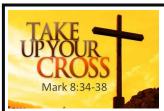
Do you know what God wants you to do? He wants you to obey His commandments. That means He wants you to listen to your parents and teachers, and not steal or lie or be mean to other kids.

You can also show your faith by doing good works, like being nice to other people.

What are some kind things you can do for someone today and tomorrow?

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~





Twenty-Sourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We read in today's Gospel passage Jesus and his disciples

set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? It takes a while until Jesus asks the disciples of their own opinion, to which Peter responds You are the Christ.

In the kind of survey that appears in today's Gospel passage, we see that significant changes are taking place in Jesus' ministry. Until now, He has tried to hide his messianic identity, but now there is a difference: Jesus speaks of who He really is, but at the same time, along with the truth about his identity, He speaks bluntly about his coming passion, death and resurrection.

Peter with the grace of God declared "You are the Christ." But when Jesus spoke about his cross Peter, was not willing to accept a Messiah who would suffer and die. But Jesus makes it clear that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" Deny yourself by giving yourself for others in Jesus' name. That's where real discipleship lies. The disciples eventually would come to know the truth about the cross in their own life just like the master. Cross later never made them fickle minded rather they became his true witnesses.

September 14th, is the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross. Also, on Sep 15th the memorial of our lady of sorrows. Happy feast to everyone.

Please keep the CCD teachers, students of St Peter and St Joseph in your thoughts as they begin their academic year. I thank all the teachers for your generosity with time and sharing of faith. I hope the parents



would make sure that the children attend CCD regularly.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

57th Annual Sauerkraut Supper

St. Peters Catholic Church Hwy 33, Middle Ridge October 9th

4:00—7:30 pm (or until sold out)

Meal will include homemade kraut, pork ribs, Polish sausages, ... Sit down supper and festivities. Carry outs also available

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Religious Education classes will begin on September 18th.

Dear Lord, as we start religious education classes, enlighten the minds and stir the hearts of our students. Help them to understand the scriptures and apply what they learn to their lives.

May Your Holy Spirit guide the studies and deepen their faith as they seek to know You better.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



Family Fun Night!



Friday, November 8th 6:00 - 9:00 PM



We are looking for Raffle-type items or if you have questions, please call or text Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: The Vital Connection between the Eucharist and Confession

Part of the greatest preparation we can make to receive Jesus's Body and Blood is to experience His forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If sin is in our hearts, there is little room for Christ. Jesus forgives us of our sins in confession, and this frees us and opens our hearts to fulfill the deepest desire of our hearts – to receive Him. Receiving Jesus strengthens faith, hope and charity, specifically with a desire to love Him, ourselves, and others. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the desire to make a good confession as soon as possible. This week, read how St. John describes the importance of confession in 1 John 1:9.

~Attend Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 am-2 pm | Schmidt Family Farm 29281 Fairview Rd. Lone Rock:

All are invited to Join hundreds of the faithful. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 am, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown and the dedicated families who farm it. Learn more at diol.org/rural-life

~Pro-Life Witness – Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

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~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~'Silent City' September 21st 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Silent City is a guided walking tour through the Catholic Cemetery (519 Losey Boulevard S.) featuring theatrical performances about the history and community impact of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Tours leave every 15 minutes and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets available at https://www.lchshistory.org/silent-city-tickets

~Organ Recital - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman- Sept 22

The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, on Sunday September 22 at 3:30 pm by David Lim, Lecturer of Music at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. Freewill offering will be accepted. Come hear this fine organist perform a varied and exciting program.

~Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture! September 19th

All women are welcome to attend. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice aides the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more information.

~St. Philip's Fall Festival Dinner (Soldiers Grove)—October 6, 2024 serving from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. We will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, baked beans, homemade pie and ice cream. Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 children under 6. Mass will be held at 10:30 There will also be a bake sale and raffle tickets available. The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 8 after the 10:30 mass.

~Fall Rummage Sale—Mary Mother of the Church-October 4th-5th

On Friday, October 4th, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 5th, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

~Life Chain's 37th Year—October 6th 2:00-3:00 pm

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Where: Corner of Losey Blvd & La Crosse St to King St and beyond.

Sunday, October 6th—Respect Life Sunday



Stewardship Reflection

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves. Instead, they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Who do You Think Jesus is?

Use these words to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

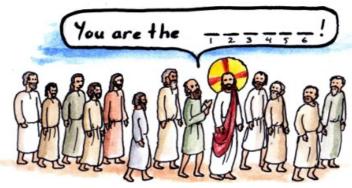
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"But who do you say that I am?"

said to Him in reply,





With trust in God's goodness, let us offer our prayers

- * For all who are sick, may Christ who knew pain and suffering in his own life, fill them with healing and hope.
- * For Luke Sawaya as he begins his journey to priesthood and Brother Matthew Kotek as he continues his religious path.
- * For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing & comfort.
- * For all the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- * That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do.
- * For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
- * For the intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com



Stewardship Prayer: Remembering that absolutely everything we have and are is a gift from God.